

 Russian Defence Ministry report on the progress of the special military operation
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The Armed Forces of the Russian Federation continue the special military operation.

 **In Kupyansk direction**, Operational-Tactical aviation, artillery, and heavy flamethrower systems of the 'Zapad' Group of Forces have inflicted fire damage on troops of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) close to Dvurechnaya, Timkovka, Olshana (Kharkov region), and Novoselovskoye (Lugansk People's Republic). Up to **50** Ukrainian personnel, **two** armoured fighting vehicles, and **two** motor vehicles were eliminated.

 **In Krasny Liman direction**, artillery and heavy flamethrower systems of the 'Tsentr' Group of Forces have inflicted fire damage on enemy manpower and military hardware close to Nevskoye, Belogorovka (Lugansk People's Republic), Yampolvka and Grigorovka (Donetsk People's Republic). The enemy has suffered losses of over **90** Ukrainian troops, three armoured fighting vehicles, **three** motor vehicles, **one** Gvozdika self-propelled howitzer, and D-20 and D-30 howitzers in this direction in the past 24 hours.

 **In Donetsk direction**, the units of the 'Yug' Group of Forces conducted a complex fire attack to annihilate over **80** Ukrainian troops, **three** armoured fighting vehicles, **four** pick-up trucks, three Grad MLRS vehicles, one Msta-B howitzer, and AN/TPQ-**36** radar system in the past 24 hours.

 **In South Donetsk and Zaporozhye directions**, Operational-Tactical Aviation and artillery of the 'Vostok' Group of Forces have inflicted fire damage on the AFU units close to Novomikhailovka, Ugledar, Prechistovka, Privolnoye (Donetsk People's Republic) and Orekhov (Zaporozhye region).

The enemy's losses have amounted to over **50** Ukrainian troops, **three** pick-up trucks, and **one** D-30 howitzer in this direction during the day.

 **In Kherson direction**, Russian troops have neutralised up to **20** Ukrainian troops, **three** motor vehicles, and **two** Gvozdika self-propelled howitzers during the day.

■ **Operational-Tactical Aviation, Missile Troops and Artillery** of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation have **neutralised 92** artillery units at their firing positions, enemy manpower and hardware in **114** areas during the day. **Two** hangars storing armaments and military hardware of the 122nd Territorial Defence Brigade have been neutralised close to Otradokamenka (Kherson region).

✈️ Fighter aviation shot down **one** Mi-8 helicopter of the Ukrainian Air Force near Kupyansk (Kharkov region).

💣 Air defence forces have intercepted **nine** HIMARS and Olkha MLRS projectiles during the day.

💣 Moreover, **seven** Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles have been shot down close to Kotlyarovka (Kharkov region), Chernopopovka, Golikovo (Lugansk People's Republic), Blagodatnoye, Kirillovka (Donetsk People's Republic), and Staraya Zburyevka (Kherson region).

📊 In total, **402** airplanes and **222** helicopters, **3,464** unmanned aerial vehicles, **414** air defence missile systems, **8,338** tanks and other armoured combat vehicles, **1,069** combat vehicles equipped with MLRS, **4,388** field artillery cannons and mortars, as well as **9,011** units of special military equipment have been destroyed during the special military operation.

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💣 A command post of the **110th Mechanised Brigade** of the Armed Forces of Ukraine was **eliminated** close to Tonenkoye (Donetsk People's Republic).

🗣️ Press centre representatives of 'Zapad', 'Vostok', and 'Yug' groups of forces make statements on current situation in the areas of responsibility.

 **Russian Defence Ministry** shows T-80 tank crews, mine action units, as well as 2A36 Giatsint-B and 2S1 Gvozdika artillery guns in action within the special military operation.

 Russian Defence Ministry shows **Czech-made RM-70 MLRS** annihilated by loitering munition.

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